

GERMANS SEEK A WEAK SPOT IN VERDUN LINE

Crown Prince Is Maintaining a General Artillery Fire of Great Intensity.

DRIVE AT VAUX FORT FAILS

LONDON, March 12.—There is a notable cessation of infantry attacks in the Verdun fighting, but the Germans are maintaining a general artillery fire of great intensity.

The heavy guns are being employed, it is believed, preparatory to the launching of more desperate assaults upon the French positions.

The battle of Verdun will enter upon its fourth week tomorrow, without any advantage to the Germans commensurate with their enormous losses in the opinion of military observers.

The French armies continue to hold the enemy at a safe distance from Verdun, and the French view, that the gigantic engagement consists almost entirely of "killing Germans," has become very widely accepted.

ATTACKING AT NIGHT

It is believed that the Germans are seeking a weak spot in the lines defending Verdun by their bombardments, and by infantry attacks at night. The French front east of Verdun is being shelled with high explosive shells, and though this rain of iron by day is followed by vicious foot charges at night, the infantry action is not general, and is not long sustained.

Paris admits that the French lines have been driven back at some points, but claims that the ground lost was regained by counter attacks of equal ferocity. Only at the village of Vaux is hand-to-hand fighting continuing today. The French hold the western part of the town, according to Paris dispatches, but Berlin claims the German successes have enabled the assailants to launch attacks against the fort of Vaux itself.

Fight Hand-to-Hand.
The eastern part of the town is in the hands of Posen troops. Paris dispatches state, and French sources, "Trenches and Senegalese are pushing themselves in bayonet fighting along the banks of the Vaux brook. After securing a foothold on the town, the Germans turned their attention to the Vaux fort, and were able to make some progress toward that position, but failed to advance as far as the barb wire entanglements."

An attack made by the Germans on the salient at Bois du Buttes, near Ville-au-Bois, northwest of Berry-aux-Buc, was spirited. It was preceded by several hours of artillery preparation, but sharp counterattacks by the French drove the enemy from the northwestern and western salients of the wood, which the Germans had won.

The Germans also won temporary possession of an important communication trench on the west side of the Meuse between Bathcourt and Chateaufort, but the French recovered the position immediately by a counter attack.

In the Rheims sector the German

artillery fire has been extremely violent. Fifty miles west of Verdun, in the Rheims sector, the Germans by a sudden stroke captured a large section of French trenches, according to the Berlin war office.

On the Douaumont front there has been a lull in the infantry operation, but German artillery has kept up an unintermittent and intense artillery fire. On the Meuse left bank the artillery fire was less intense today. It from Verdun that these sustained artillery attacks are a prelude to another mighty effort by the German Crown Prince to pierce the French lines and capture Verdun.

Bring Up Re-enforcements.
It is stated in dispatches from Rotterdam that heavy German re-enforcements are being brought up to the western front from the region of Riga, and that the German big guns on the Russian front are carrying on a heavy bombardment to conceal the withdrawal of troops. These fresh reserves, it is asserted by military critics, are necessary to enable the Germans to continue the campaign against Verdun on the scale upon which it was opened.

There is no sign of approaching exhaustion of the part of either the Germans or the French in the Verdun fighting, and it is not evident that the battle has reached its climax. Although reports from Verdun estimate the German losses as terrific, unofficial Berlin dispatches declare that they have not been so serious, asserting that only a few German soldiers are reported killed, wounded and missing.

Paris dispatches state that the German attacks into the Meuse valley, and that the attacking troops were literally moved down by the French machine gun fire. British commander-in-chief, reports that three mines were exploded satisfactorily east of Verdun, and that the enemy's counter attack was repulsed around Albert, Julluch, and Ypres.

DIFFICULTIES AHEAD OVER CROSSING LINE

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view of this canny statement, that Carranza is going to acquiesce in the plans of the United States. He has reserved ample grounds on which to object vigorously.

One of Difficulties.
One difficulty in the way, which does not seem to have received the attention it merits, is the fact that there is no authority short of the treaty-making power that can enter such an agreement. Many years ago the two countries had such a treaty. Under it, Carranza points out in his note, troops of each country crossed into the territory of the other in pursuit of hostile Indians.

But twenty years or more ago that treaty was formally denounced by Mexico. Carranza had been antagonistic to it among some elements in Mexico, who feared that it might be made the pretext at some time for aggressive action by the United States.

There has never been a case of foreign troops entering upon American soil for such purposes, except under treaty. The President has no right to surrender to a foreign government authority to conduct such operations here. To suspend operations now, until a treaty could be made and ratified, would render the effort at Pusan a joke. There would almost certainly be opposition to the treaty, and opposition can delay such a pact indefinitely.

Moreover, Carranza's present government in Mexico is extra-constitutional, and though it is accepted as a de facto government by the United States, its treaty-making authority is subject at least to criticism if critics choose to indulge them.

Difficulties in Way.
The difficulties of the present situation are very apparent in view of these facts. Carranza does not say that he will refuse permission for American troops to cross unless there are future aids, and unless the United States grants reciprocal privileges to Mexican troops; but he decidedly intimates exactly that purpose, and the belief today is that he will finally take this position. If he does it will necessitate either a break with him that would place him in antagonism to the United States, or else the negotiation of a treaty.

To wait for a treaty would make pursuit of Villa for some time impossible; to break with Carranza at this time would be equivalent to making war on Mexico and against the Carranza government, which this country has accepted. The diplomatic and international situation is therefore decidedly difficult.

SINKING OF SILLIUS COMPLICATES ISSUE OVER SUBMARINES

Torpedoing of Unarmed Neutral Ship Beclouds Former Assurances, Say Officials.

Torpedoing of the unarmed neutral bark Sillius, with the reported wounding of an American seaman, adds new complications to the submarine controversy between the United States and the central powers, Administration officials said today.

Until this attack was made the controversy had narrowed down to a question of the right of submarines to torpedo armed merchant vessels of belligerents. The conflict over this question revolved around the claim of Germany and Austria that armed enemy vessels were under secret orders to attack submarines, and therefore were in reality auxiliary cruisers; and the counter claim of the allies that international law justified the sinking of merchantmen defensively.

Have Made Pledges.
Germany and Austria had officially pledged that their submarines would not attack unarmed vessels.

The torpedoing of the neutral

Sillius, therefore, is held by officials to cloud all previous assurances given by Germany and Austria, and the effect is held to be to throw the entire submarine question back where it was before Germany and Austria made their earlier pledges to the United States.

Secretary of State Lansing has sent urgent requests to Ambassador Sharpe at Paris and United States Consul Osborne at Havre, France, to send full details of the sinking of the Sillius. The only report now before the State Department is that from Consul Osborne, who said the unarmed Norwegian vessel was torpedoed without warning, and that the seven Americans aboard were rescued.

Violates Promises.
The State Department's position is that even the placing of these American ships in jeopardy violates the solemn pledges made by Germany and Austria. If, as reported in unofficial dispatches, one of the Americans was wounded, an issue of greater gravity will be presented.

Consul Osborne has been cabled instructions to obtain affidavits of the American survivors, officers of the vessel, and members of the crew, and to forward them by cable or mail to Washington. If it is possible to establish definitely by cabled reports that the vessel was torpedoed, the State Department will take immediate steps to hold Germany or Austria to account.

Meanwhile no further steps will be taken to settle pending submarine questions. If it is proved that the central powers, in violation of all pledges, have permitted a submarine commander to torpedo an unarmed ship, a shadow will be cast on all earlier promises that may seriously delay negotiations.

Gen. Sherwood to Talk

Gen. Isaac R. Sherwood will lecture on "The Heroes of the War" in the New Bedford reformatory, where there will be no charge for admission.

MRS. DAVIS LAUDS WORK OF OSBORNE

High tribute was paid to Thomas Mott Osborne by Dr. Katherine Belmont Davis, commissioner of corrections for New York, speaking before the College Women's Club banquet at the Raleigh Hotel last evening.

The banquet marked the tenth anniversary of the club. Miss Emma Harper Turner, one of the organizers of the club, and now its president, was toastmaster.

Dr. Davis urged the members to view themselves as members of a social group, and not only in their individual relations. She said the women who had broader advantages owed it to themselves to direct other women to a broader realization of life and service.

Her definition of municipal government was "An instrument to make the city a good place to live in and a fit place to bring up one's families." She urged her hearers to take a larger part in city government.

She recounted her experiences with wayward and incorrigible girls at the New Bedford reformatory.

Mrs. M. C. B. Munford, of Richmond, told of the efforts to establish a co-ordinate college for women at the University of Virginia. Mrs. Frank G. Wilkins, a former president of the College Women's Club, told of the history of the club for the past ten years.

Miss Nancy Harboe, of Danville, Ky., told stories in Southern dialect, and Miss Elsie Lehman sang solos. Elphinstone Young led choruses and a "toast in song."

Astonishing Power of Iron to Give Strength to Broken Down Nervous People

Physician Says Ordinary Nuxated Iron Will Increase Strength of Delicate Folk 200 Per Cent in Two Weeks' Time in Many Instances.

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